

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
STEEL
LOK SABHA**

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EXPENDITURE CUT IN SAIL
SURESH RAMRAO JADHAV (PATIL)

Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government have reviewed the performance of Steel Authority of India Ltd.;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether SAIL has followed the instructions of the Government to adhere to the austerity measures to cut the expenditure; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the results achieved thereby during 2000-2001?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR STEEL (SHRI BRAJA KISHORE TRIPATHY)

(a)&(b): Yes, Sir. During 2000-2001, Steel Authority of India Limited(SAIL) has shown an improvement in its performance, with production of 9.70 million tonnes of saleable steel representing an increase of 2% over the previous year, and a reduction in the net loss to Rs.729 crores, as compared to Rs.1720 crores in 1999-2000.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) SAIL has taken the following austerity measures to cut expenditure :

- Trimming/closure of Liaison Offices.
- Judicious use of telecommunication facilities instead of undertaking journeys.
- Deferment of leave travel concession & leave encashment facility.
- Reduction of other administrative expenditure
- Intensive cost control drive.
- Implementation of Voluntary Retirement Scheme (VRS).
- No fresh investment proposal.

As a result of these measures, SAIL has saved Rs.525 crores during 2000-01.